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SB 1073 RELATING Date:	TING TO A SURCHARGE FOR INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES
Hearing Time:	2 200
Place:	Conference Room 325
•	State Capitol, 415 South Beretania Street Honoluly

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State House Committee on Judiciary	

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RE: SB 1073 RELATING TO A SURCHARGE FOR INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES

Hearing Date: MAR 1 5 2011

Hearing Time: 2pm

Place: Conference Room 32

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SB 1073 RELATING TO A SURCHARGE FOR INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES RE:

Hearing Time:

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Place:

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Hearing Time: Place:

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RE:

SB 1073 RELATING TO A SURCHARGE FOR INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES

Hearing Date:

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Hearing Time:

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Place:

Conference Room 375

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SB 1073 RELATING TO A SURCHARGE FOR INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES RE: Hearing Date: 1.5.2011 Hearing Time: Place: Conference Room

State Capitol, 415 South Beretania Street, Honolulu

POSITION:

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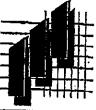
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Hearing Date:

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SB 1073 RELATING TO A SURCHARGE FOR INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES

Hearing Date:

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Dave/Letters/General/Senate - Collection legislation (02-05-11)

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Hearing Date: MAR 1 5 2011

Hearing Time: 2 pm

Place: Conference Room 325

State Capitol, 415 South Beretania Street, Honolulu

POSITION: <u>NOT IN SUPPORT</u>

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Rep. Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Chair Rep. Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair State House Committee on Judiciary

RE:

SB 1073 RELATING TO A SURCHARGE FOR INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES Hearing Date:

Hearing Time:

Place:

Conference Room

State Capitol, 415 South Beretania Street, Honolulu

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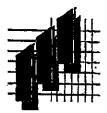
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